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Gentlemen:

**SUBJECT: SACOG 2001 MTIP Amendment 4, 1999 MTP Amendment 2 and Air Quality
Conformity Determination**

We have completed our review of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Amendment No. 4 to the FY2001 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), Amendment 2 to the 1999 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and air quality conformity determination on these documents. SACOG's MTIP Amendment No. 04 and MTP Amendment 2 make various revisions to the State, Local Highway and Transit Elements.

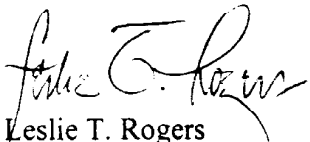
We accept MTIP Amendment No. 4 and MTP Amendment 2, in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that these SACOG amendments were developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134, 23 CFR 450, and section 49 USC 53 of the Federal Transit Act.

A joint FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination for MTIP Amendment 4 and MTP Amendment 2 is required by Section 93.104 of the Environmental Protection Agency's August 15, 1997, *Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining: Final Rule*, 40 CFR Part 51 and 93 (*Transportation Conformity Rule*). The conformity analysis provided by SACOG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 1999 MTP through Amendment 2 and the FY 2000/2001 MTIP through Amendment 4, conform to the applicable state implementation plans and accept these air quality conformity determinations in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and in accordance with USDOT's June 18, 1999, guidance, *Additional Supplemental Guidance for the Implementation of the Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity*.

These findings have been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for SACOG's 1999 MTP through Amendment 2 and FY 2001 MTIP through Amendment 4. This letter also constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA approval for inclusion of SACOG's MTIP Amendment No.4, into California's 2000/2001 – 2002/2003 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements

Sincerely,



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For
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